



RESOLUTION 8-B-02

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO UNDERTAKE A TRAFFIC STUDY

WHEREAS, increased development in the downtown area has the potential to impact the character, safety, and welfare of the Miller/Southside neighborhood;

WHEREAS, residents of the Miller/Southside neighborhood have expressed concerns about the amount of traffic currently speeding and cutting through the neighborhood on Draper Road and Preston Avenue; and the impact of traffic from downtown redevelopment such as the Kent Square project and parking garage;

WHEREAS, the Planning & Engineering Department operates the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program, whereby residents can define, study, and suggest solutions for traffic problems in their neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program has been implemented successfully in many neighborhoods throughout the Town of Blacksburg with results that have been consistent with neighborhood preferences and desired results.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Blacksburg, that:

1. The Planning & Engineering Department is directed to implement the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program in the Miller/Southside neighborhood, substantially in accordance with the "Miller Southside Neighborhood Traffic Analysis," presented to the Town Council at its work session on July 30, 2002, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Town Council action will occur as scheduled if and only if the neighborhood has completed its review and finalized its recommendations consistent with the schedule in Exhibit A.
2. The elements of the Neighborhood Traffic Control Program in the Miller/Southside neighborhood shall consist of neighborhood meetings, data collection and analysis, development and analysis of options (including closure of Draper Road) and a survey of neighborhood preferences.

3. This program shall commence in August 2002 with a neighborhood meeting. Data collection and analysis shall take place in September and October, 2002. A meeting(s) with the neighborhood will promptly follow to identify appropriate options for traffic control. The determination of the neighborhood preferences shall be by a ballot distributed to all residents by the Planning & Engineering Department. The Planning & Engineering Department shall promptly report to Town Council the results of the survey of neighborhood preferences.
4. Town Council shall consider the identified neighborhood preference(s) in approving traffic control measures for the neighborhood.
5. Town Council will use its best efforts to implement the approved traffic control measures by December, 2003.

Roger E. Hedgepeth
Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Boone Caldwell
Town Clerk

Date of Adoption: August 13, 2002